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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Library and Information Science, 2004. Dissertation: "The Cross-Cultural Learning Process of International Doctoral Students: A Case Study in Library and Information Science Education."
 - M.A. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, 1999.
 - MLA. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Landscape Architecture, 1997. Thesis: "Mandala and the Sacred Landscape of Traditional Hindu Cities."
 - B. Architecture. School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, Architecture, 1992. Thesis: "Design of the Institute of Oriental Philosophy, Vrindaban India."
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SUBJECT AREAS

Diversity and Intercultural Communication, Social Justice in Library and Information Science, Critical and Cross-Cultural Studies, Community Informatics, Information Seeking Behaviors of Minority Populations, Qualitative Methods, Action Research, Public and Rural Library Management, Information Organization and Representation, Collection Development, Resources and Services for Adults, Grant Development for Information Professionals.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee, School of Information Sciences, College of Communication and Information, January 2005 - present.
 - Instructor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate School of Library and Information, Academic terms Spring 2003, Summer 2003, Spring 2004, Fall 2004.
 - Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate School of Library and Information, Academic term Fall 2002.
 - Research Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate School of Library and Information, Academic terms Summer 2002, Fall 2002. Project title: "Biological Information Browsing Environment." National Science Foundation funded project, Principal Investigator: P. Bryan Heidorn.
 - Research Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, National Center for Supercomputing Applications, Academic terms Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Summer 2002. Project title: "GK-12 EdGrid Graduate Teaching Fellowship Program." National Science Foundation funded project, Principal Investigator: Erik Jakobsson.
 - Research Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Academic terms Spring 2000 - Fall 2002. Project title: "Community-Based Creation of Networked Information Services: Developing Tools and Guidelines for Public Libraries." Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) funded project, Principal Investigator: Ann P. Bishop.
 - Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Program for the Study in Religion, Academic terms Fall 1996, Spring 1997, Fall 1997, Spring 1998, Fall 1998, Spring 1999, Fall 1999.
 - Instructor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Allen Hall Unit One, Academic term Spring 1998.
 - Research Assistant (Webmaster), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Landscape Architecture, Academic terms 1997 - 1999, Spring 1996, Summer 1996.
 - Research Assistant (Editor and Designer, *Lines on the Landscape*), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Landscape Architecture, Academic terms 1995 - 1997.
 - Information Researcher (Architecture Section), *Rtam-Rtu: Cosmic Order and the Cycle of Seasons*, Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts, New Delhi, India.
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HONORS AND AWARDS

- "2008-2009 Outstanding Assistant Professor of the Year," School of Information Sciences, University of Tennessee.
- "Quest Scholar of the Week," 20 February, 2009. Office of Research, University of Tennessee.

2008 LGBT Ally Research Award, Chancellor's Honors, University of Tennessee.
 Faculty Service/Outreach Award 2007, College of Communication and Information, University of Tennessee.
 The 2006 Award for Best Information Behavior Conference Paper titled: "Health Information Services Available for People Living with HIV/AIDS: Perspectives of Library and Information Professionals" (Bharat Mehra and Kendra S. Albright). Presented by the American Society of Information Science & Technology Special Interest Group Information Needs Seeking and Use (SIG USE) at the 2006 Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, November 3-8, 2006.
 Outstanding Innovative Technology Teaching Award 2005-2006, College of Communication and Information, University of Tennessee.
 Listed on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign "Incomplete List of Teachers Ranked Excellent by Their Students," Spring 2004, Summer 2003, Fall 1999, Spring 1999, Fall 1998, Fall 1997, Spring 1997. Memorandum #257, UIUC Office of Instructional Resources, Division of Measurement and Evaluation.
 Girdhari Tikku Memorial Prize (1998-99), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
 Best Ford Foundation Paper (1997-1998), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, in its seminar entitled Identity and the Arts in Diaspora Communities. Paper Title: "The sacred landscape of Hindu temples: A marker of Indian diasporic identity in the U.S."
 Outstanding Graduate Student 1995-96, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Landscape Architecture.
 Graduate Certificate of Merit 1995-96, American Society of Landscape Architects (Illinois Chapter).
 Sigma Lambda Alpha Initiate 1995-96.

OTHER RECOGNITION

Mehra, B., Allard, S., Qayyum, M. A., & Barclay-McLaughlin, G. (2008). Aquí y allá (Here and There) Information-Based Learning Corridors between Tennessee and Puerto Rico: The Five Golden Rules in Intercultural Education, *Education for Information*, 26(3), 151-168. Selected by the Informed Librarian Online (www.informedlibrarian.com) as a Featured Article in the April 2009 issue.
 "Mehra is QUEST Scholar of the Week," *Tennessee Today*, February 24, 2009.
 Nominated by peers for College of Communication and Information 2009 Alumni Outstanding Teacher Award.
 Nominated by peers for College of Communication and Information 2009 Faculty Research Award.
 Nominated by peers for University of Tennessee 2008 Chancellor's Academic Outreach Award.
 "Homebound Residents Live a Socially Richer Life via Computers," *OUTREACH*, University of Tennessee, January 18, 2008. (News article on student work in Mehra's IS 590 (Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Information Professions) class.
 "Grant Writing Provides Resources to Underserved Populations," *OUTREACH*, University of Tennessee, January 19, 2007. (News article on student work in Mehra's IS 558 (Library and Information Services in a Diverse Society) class.

PUBLICATIONS, GRANTS & PRESENTATIONS

Articles Published in Refereed Journals

Mehra, B., & Robinson, W. C. (2009) (invited). The Community Engagement Model in Library and Information Science Education: A Case Study of a Collection Development and Management Course. *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*, 50(1), 15-38.
 Mehra, B., Allard, S., Qayyum, M. A., & Barclay-McLaughlin, G. (2008). Aquí y allá (Here and There) Information-Based Learning Corridors between Tennessee and Puerto Rico: The Five Golden Rules in Intercultural Education, *Education for Information*, 26(3), 151-168.
 Mehra, B., & Lambert, C. A. (2008). Priority Information Needs of African American Graduate Women: A Pilot Study, *Communication & Social Change*, 2(1), 105-123.
 Allard, S., Mehra, B., & Qayyum, M. A. (2007). Intercultural Leadership Toolkit for Librarians: Building Awareness to Effectively Serve Diverse Multicultural Populations, *Education Libraries* (Special Issue: Outreach to Minority Populations), 30(1) (Summer 2007), 5-12.
 Mehra, B., & Bishop, A. P. (2007). Cross-Cultural Perspectives of International Doctoral Students: Two-Way Learning in Library and Information Science Education, *International Journal of Progressive Education*, 3(1), 44-64.
 Mehra, B., & Braquet, D. (2007) (invited). Library and Information Science Professionals as Community Action Researchers in an Academic Setting: Top Ten Directions to Further Institutional Change for People of Diverse Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities, *Library Trends*, 56(2), 542-565.
 Mehra, B., & Papajohn, D. (2007). "Glocal" Patterns of Communication-Information Convergences in Internet Use: Cross-Cultural Behavior of International Teaching Assistants in a Culturally Alien Information Environment, *The International Information & Library Review*, 39(1), 12-30.

- Mehra, B., & Srinivasan, R. (2007). The Library-Community Convergence Framework for Community Action: Libraries as Catalysts of Social Change, *Libri: International Journal of Libraries and Information Services*, 57(3), 123-139.
- Mehra, B. (2005). Library and Information Science (LIS) and Community Development: Use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to Support a Social Equity Agenda, *Journal of the Community Development Society*, 36(1), 28-40.
- Mehra, B., and Stepp, K. E. (2005). Diversity Resources Page (DRP): A Digital Library on Diversity and Multicultural Issues at the University of Tennessee, *Versed: Bulletin of the Office for Diversity, American Library Association*, May – June 2005, 15.
- Mehra, B., Merkel, C., & Bishop, A. P. (2004). Internet for Empowerment of Minority and Marginalized Communities, *New Media & Society*, 6(5), 781-802.
- Heidorn, P. B., Mehra, B., & Lokhaiser, M. (2002). Complimentary User-Centered Methodologies for Information Seeking and Use: System's Design in the Biological Information Browsing Environment (BIBE), *Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology*, 53(14), 1251-1258.
- Mehra, B., Bishop, A. P., Bazzell, I., & Smith, C. (2002). Scenarios in the Afya Project as a Participatory Action Research (PAR) Tool for Studying Information Seeking and Use Across the "Digital Divide," *Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology*, 53(14), 1259-1266.
- Mehra, B., Bishop, A. P., & Bazzell, I. (2000). The Role of Use Scenarios in Developing a Community Health Information System, *Bulletin of the American Society for Information Science*, 26(4), (April/May, 2000). URL: http://www.asis.org/Bulletin/May-00/mehra_et_al.html.
- Mehra, B. (1999). The Sacred Landscape of Hindu Temples: A Marker of Indian Diasporic Identity in the U.S., *Sagar: A South Asia Graduate Student Journal*, 6(1), 65-90.

Books

- Mehra, B. (2008) (invited). *The Cross-Cultural Learning Process of International Doctoral Students: A Case Study in Library and Information Science Education*. Saarbrucken, Germany: Verlag Dr. Muller.

Scholarly and/or Creative Activity Published Through a Refereed Electronic Venue

- Mehra, B., & Braquet, D. (2006). A "Queer" Manifesto of Interventions for Libraries to 'Come Out' of the Closet! A Study of "Queer" Youth Experiences during the Coming Out Process, *Library and Information Science Research Electronic Journal*, Volume 16, Issue 1 (March 2006). URL: <http://libres.curtin.edu.au/libres16n1/>.
- Mehra, B. (2004). Service Learning in Library and Information Science (LIS) Education: Connecting Research and Practice to Community. *InterActions: UCLA Journal of Information and Education Studies*, Volume 1, Issue 1, Article 3. URL: <http://repositories.cdlib.org/gseis/interactions/vol1/iss1/art3/>.
- Bishop, A. P., Bazzell, I., Mehra, B., & Smith, C. (2001). Afya: Social and Digital Technologies that Reach Across the Digital Divide, *First Monday*, volume 6, number 4 (April 2001). URL: http://firstmonday.org/issues/issue6_4/bishop/index.html.
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- Mehra, B., & Sandusky, R. J. (2009). LIS Students as Community Partners in Elective Courses: Applying Community-Based Action Research to Meet the Needs of Underserved Populations. In Lorie Roy, Kelly Jensen, and Alex Hershey Meyers (eds.), *Service Learning: Linking Library Education and Practice*. Chicago, IL: American Library Association (ALA) Editions.
- Mehra, B. (2007). Affective Factors in Information Seeking during Cross-Cultural Learning of International Doctoral Students in Library and Information Science Education. In: D. Nahl & D. Bilal (eds.), *Information and Emotion: The Emergent Affective Paradigm in Information Behavior Research and Theory* (ASIST Monograph Series) (pp. 279-301). Medford, NJ: Information Today, Inc.
- Mehra, B., & Braquet, D. (2007). Process of Information Seeking during "Queer" Youth Coming-Out Experiences. In: M. K. Chelton & C. Cool (eds.), *Youth Information Seeking Behaviors: Contexts, Theories, Models and Issues* (pp. 93-131). Toronto, Canada: Scarecrow Press.

- Mehra, B. (2006). An Action Research (AR) Manifesto for Cyberculture Power to "Marginalized" Cultures of Difference. In: D. Silver & A. Massanari (eds.), *Critical Cyber-Culture Studies* (pp. 205-215). New York: New York University Press.
- Mehra, B. (2004). Hindu Temples and Asian-Indian Diasporic Identity in the United States. In: T. Turino & J. Lea (eds.), *Identity and the Arts in Diaspora Communities* (pp. 93-102). Warren, MI: Harmonie Park Press.
- Bishop, A. P., Mehra, B., Bazzell, I. & Smith, C. (2003). Participatory Action Research and Digital Libraries: Reframing Evaluation. In: A. P. Bishop, N. Van House, & B. Buttenfield (eds.), *Digital Library Use: Social Practice in Design and Evaluation* (pp. 161-190). Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- Bishop, A. P., Mehra, B., Bazzell, I., & Smith, C. (2001). Scenarios in the Design and Evaluation of Networked Information Services: An Example from Community Health. In: C. R. McClure & J. C. Bertot (eds.), *Evaluating Networked Information Services: Techniques, Policy, and Issues* (pp. 45-66). Medford, N.J.: Information Today.

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- Mehra, B., Allard, S., Cortez, E.M., & Vigo-Cepeda, L. (2009). Developing an Intercultural Leadership Toolkit for LIS Education, LIS Education in Developing Countries Special Interest Group Pre-conference, Proceedings of the World Library and Information Congress: 75th International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) General Conference and Council, August 19-21, 2009, Milan, Italy.
- Mehra, B., & Bilal, D. (2007). International Students' Information Needs and Use of Technology, *Proceedings of the 70th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science & Technology 2007: Joining Research and Practice: Social Computing and Information Science*. Volume 44 [Short Paper], Milwaukee, WI, October 18-25, 2007. [Available on CD-ROM].
- Mehra, B., & Bilal, D. (2007). International Students' Perceptions of their Information Seeking Strategies. In: K. Dalkir & C. Arsenault (eds.), *Proceedings of the 35th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science/L'Association canadienne des sciences de l'information (CAIS/ACSI): Information Sharing in a Fragmented World: Crossing Boundaries*, Montreal, May 10-12, 2007. URL: <http://www.cais-acsi.ca/search.asp?year=2007>.
- Braquet, D., & Mehra, B. (2006). Contextualizing Internet Use Practices of the Cyber-Queer: Empowering Information Realities in Everyday Life. *Proceedings of the 69th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science & Technology 2006: Information Realities: Shaping the Digital Future For All*. Volume 43. [Short Paper], Austin, TX, November 3-8, 2006. [Available on CD-ROM].
- Mehra, B., & Albright, K. S. (2006). Health Information Services Available for People Living With HIV/AIDS: Perspectives of Library and Information Professionals. *Proceedings of the 69th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science & Technology 2006: Information Realities: Shaping the Digital Future For All*. Volume 43, Austin, TX, November 3-8, 2006. [Available on CD-ROM].
- Mehra, B., Albright, K. S., & Rioux, K. (2006). A Practical Framework for Social Justice Research in the Information Professions. *Proceedings of the 69th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science & Technology 2006: Information Realities: Shaping the Digital Future For All*. Volume 43. [Short Paper], Austin, TX, November 3-8, 2006. [Available on CD-ROM].
- Mehra, B., Piper, M. J., & Stepp, K. E. (2006). Knowledge Representation of/for Librarians of Color: Enhancing Usability of the Diversity Resources Page. *Proceedings of the First National Joint Conference of Librarians of Color: Gathering at the Waters Embracing Our Spirits, Telling Our Stories*, Dallas, TX (October 11-15, 2006), pp. 147A-147F. [Available at URL: http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/hall-erickson/jclc_2006conf/].
- Mehra, B. (2005). A Phase-Model of the Cross-Cultural Learning Process of LIS International Doctoral Students: Characteristics and Interventions. *Proceedings of the American Society for Information Science & Technology 2005 Annual Meeting: Sparking Synergies: Bringing Research and Practice Together @ ASIST '05*, Volume 42, Westin Charlotte, Charlotte, NC, October 28 – November 2, 2005. [Available on CD-ROM].
- Mehra, B., Bruce, B.C., Harnisch, D., & Comstock, S. (2002). Complexities in Development of Educational Collaboratories as a Socio-Technical System: A Situated Study of the GK-12 EdGrid Graduate Teaching Fellowship Program. In: N. Callaos, M. Loutfi, & M. Justan (eds.), *Proceedings of The 6th World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics SCI 2002*, Volume VIII Concepts and Applications of Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics II, Orlando, FL (July 14-18, 2002), pp. 1188-1194. [Available on CD-ROM].

Papers or Extended Abstracts Published in Conference Proceedings (Refereed on the Basis of Abstract)

- Mehra, B., & Dessel, A. (2009). The Role of LIS Education in the Development of Community Health Information Services for People Living With HIV/AIDS: Perspectives of Directors/Managers of Public Libraries (Abstract). *2009 ALISE Conference (Participatory Papers) Proceedings of the Annual Conference*

- of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE): Transforming LIS Education for the 21st Century, Denver, CO, 20-23 January, 2009.
- Mehra, B. (2009). Education of Public Library Management and Services: A Course Case Study Applying Library 2.0 Practices (Abstract). *2009 ALISE Conference (Participatory Papers) Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE): Transforming LIS Education for the 21st Century*, Denver, CO, 20-23 January, 2009.
- Mehra, B. (2008). 25 Years of SIG/III and the Future of International Information Issues (Panel Title). International Information Infrastructure: Perspective of IT Businesses in India (Paper Title), *Proceedings of the 71st Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science & Technology 2008: People Transforming Information - Information Transforming People*. Volume 45 [Panel Abstract], Columbus, OH, October 24-29, 2008. [Available on CD-ROM].
- Mehra, B., & Rioux, K. (2007). Human Information Behavior Concepts from a Perspective of IT Professionals in India, *Proceedings of the 70th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science & Technology 2007: Joining Research and Practice: Social Computing and Information Science*. Volume 44 [Panel Abstract], Milwaukee, WI, October 18-25, 2007. [Available on CD-ROM].
- Rioux, K., Albright, K. S., & Mehra, B. (2007). Conceptualizing Social Justice in the Information Sciences, *Proceedings of the 70th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Information Science & Technology 2007: Joining Research and Practice: Social Computing and Information Science*. Volume 44 [Panel Abstract], Milwaukee, WI, October 18-25, 2007. [Available on CD-ROM].
- Mehra, B. (2005). Socio-Technical Development of Digital Libraries in the Cross-Cultural Learning Process: A Critical Perspective. *Proceedings of the American Society for Information Science & Technology 2005 Annual Meeting: Sparking Synergies: Bringing Research and Practice Together @ ASIST '05*, Volume 42, [Panel Abstract], Westin Charlotte, Charlotte, NC, October 28 – November 2, 2005. [Available on CD-ROM].
- Bruce, B.C., Harnisch, D., Comstock, S., & Mehra, B. (2002). Fostering Inquiry-based Learning in Technology-rich Learning Environments: The Inquiry Page in the GK-12 Fellows Program, *Proceedings of the AACE World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia & Telecommunications* (pp. 340-341). [Paper Abstract], Denver, CO, (June 24-28, 2002).
- Harnisch, D., Comstock, S., & Mehra, B. (2002). Who's Teaching Whom? Scientist/Teacher Teams and Administrative Strategies, *Proceedings of the AACE World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia & Telecommunications* (pp. 342-343), [Paper Abstract], Denver, CO, (June 24-28, 2002).

Manuscripts Submitted for Publication

- Mehra, B. (in press). Cultural Re-Interpretations of Ethnicity and Sexuality in the American Academy: Perceptions and Experiences of a Gay Man from India. In V. A. Wall & J. Washington (eds.), *The Colors of the Rainbow: Voices of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender People of Color in the Academy*.
- Mehra, B., Haley, J. E., & Lane, D. (in press). Information Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) South Asians: Multiple Shades of Identity based on Sexual Orientation and Ethnicity, *The Colors of the Rainbow: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender People of Color in the Academy (Research)*. Edited by: V. A. Wall & J. Washington.
- Mehra, B., Rioux, K., & Albright, K. S. (in press: expected November 2009). Social Justice in Library and Information Science. In M. J. Bates & M. N. Maack (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Sciences*. New York: Taylor & Francis Group.
- Mehra, B., Black, K., & Lee, S. (accepted). Perspectives of East Tennessee's Rural Public Librarians about the Need for Professional Library Education: An Exploratory Study. *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*.
- Mehra, B. (in preparation). Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Content in the Library and Information Science Curriculum: A Framework for Digital Action. *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*.
- Mehra, B., & Parris, H. (in preparation). Use of Open Source Software in East Tennessee's Regional Libraries. *Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology*.
- Mehra, B., & Lambert, C. A. (in preparation). Developing a Holistic Approach towards Retention of African-American Graduate Students in their Learning Process: A Pilot Qualitative Study. *The Journal of Higher Education*.
- Mehra, B. (in preparation). International Information Infrastructure: Perspective of IT Businesses in India. *Journal of the American Society of Information Science and Technology*.

Research Reports

- Mehra, B., Black, K., & Lee, S. (2009). *Rural Library Professionals as Change Agents in the 21st Century: Integrating Information Technology Competencies in the Southern and Central Appalachian Region (ITRL)*. Summary Findings of a Rural Library Pilot Study Submitted to Tennessee Libraries Listserv (tn-libraries@listserv.state.tn.us) on April 30, 2009.
- Mehra, B., Braquet, D., White, E., Weaver, R. & Hodge, C. (2007). *A Website Analysis of the University of Tennessee's Peer Institutions to Assess their Support of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People* (Report submitted by the Research Committee, Commission for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) People, University of Tennessee. (URL: <https://web.utk.edu/~bmehra/final.pdf>).
- Mehra, B., & Watson, J. (2006). Transforming International and Intercultural Understandings: Self-Assessment and Reflexivity at the School of Information Sciences (Phase I). A Summary Report of Select Project Funded with a Quality Enhancement Plan Grant at the University of Tennessee.
- Mehra, B. (2006). Diversity and Democracy: Intercultural Proficiencies in Practice. Prepared materials for the UT School of Information Sciences Toolkit Symposium: *Developing an Intercultural Toolkit for the Information Age*.
- Mehra, B., & Watson, J. (2006). Proceedings of the Brown Bag Globalization-Information-Culture Symposium: *How Does Globalization in the Age of Information Affect Traditions and Culture Around the World?* (URL: <http://www.sis.utk.edu/newsArchive/whatsGoingOn/Global/>).

GRANTS

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- Rural Library Professionals as Change Agents in the 21st Century: Integrating Information Technology Competencies in the Southern and Central Appalachian Region (ITRL) (\$567,660). Institute of Museum and Library Services, *Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program*, October 2009 – September 2012 (PI: B. Mehra, K. Black, V. Singh).
- Health Information Services for People Living With HIV/AIDS: Perspectives of Public Library Information Professionals (\$2000). *Dean's Summer Research Grant*, College of Communication and Information, University of Tennessee, Summer 2008 (PI: B. Mehra).
- Human Information Behavior Concepts from a Perspective of ICT Professionals in India (\$2000). *Dean's Summer Research Grant*, College of Communication and Information, University of Tennessee, Summer 2007 (PI: B. Mehra).
- Information Seeking Behaviors of International Students: Use of Web-Based and Offline Information Support Services (\$3000), *SARIF Summer Graduate Research Assistant*, University of Tennessee, Summer 2006 (PIs: B. Mehra, D. Bilal).
- Information Support Services for African-American Graduate Students (\$2000). *Dean's Summer Research Grant*, *College of Communication and Information*, University of Tennessee, Summer 2006 (PI: B. Mehra).
- Developing an Intercultural Toolkit for Leadership in the Information Age, *UTK Ready for the World Initiative*, *Grants for Special Projects*, Fall 2006 (PIs alphabetical list: S. Allard, E. Cortez, B. Mehra, J. Watson).
- Transforming International and Intercultural Understandings: Self-Assessment and Reflexivity at the School of Information Sciences (Phase I) (\$2500), *UTK Intercultural and International Initiative (Quality Enhancement Plan)*, *Special Projects*, Spring 2006 (PIs: B. Mehra, J. Watson).
- The Diversity Resources Page (DRP): Usability and Evaluation of a Digital Library (\$3000), *SARIF Summer Graduate Research Assistant*, University of Tennessee, Summer 2005 (PI: B. Mehra).
- The Cross-Cultural Learning Process of International Doctoral Students: A Case Study in Library and Information Science (dissertation research), *Hostetter A&M Scholarship*, (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate School of Library and Information Science), Fall 2003/Summer 2004.

PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed Presentations

- Mehra, B., & Parris, H. (Accepted). Open Source Software Collaborations in Tennessee's Regional Library System: A Website Analysis (panel presentation). *Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Annual Conference: Creating a Culture of Collaboration*, Boston, MA 12-15 January, 2010.
- Mehra, B., Black, K., Singh, V., & Lee, S. (Accepted). Collaborations between LIS Education and Rural Libraries in East Tennessee: Improving Librarian Technology Literacy and Management Training (paper presentation). *Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Annual Conference: Creating a Culture of Collaboration*, Boston, MA 12-15 January, 2010.

- Mehra, B. (*Invited Panelist*). Bringing Research out of the Closet: Libraries, Librarians, and LGBTQ Collections. *Expanding the Circle: Creating an Inclusive Environment in Higher Education for LGBTQ Students and Studies*, San Francisco, February 25-28, 2010.
- Mehra, B., Renfro, N. R., & Simmons, S. (2009). Planning for Strategic Planning in East Tennessee's Regional Library: A Panel Discussion. Tennessee Library Association Annual Conference 2009: Customer Service is Our Heart, April 8-10, 2009, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Mehra, B. (2009). Digital Actions in a Strategic Plan in Library and Information Science Education to Fairly Represent People of Diverse Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities (panel presentation). *Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Annual Conference: Transforming LIS Education for the 21st Century*, Denver, CO, 20-23 January, 2009.
- Mehra, B. (2009). Intersectionality and Interdisciplinarity: LIS Research/Education and Studies of the "Other" (panel presentation). *Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Annual Conference: Transforming LIS Education for the 21st Century*, Denver, CO, 20-23 January, 2009.
- Mehra, B., & Dessel, A. (2009). Lessons for Growth in the Education of Health Information Services for People Living With HIV/AIDS: Perspectives of Directors/Managers of Public Libraries (paper presentation). *Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Annual Conference: Transforming LIS Education for the 21st Century*, Denver, CO, 20-23 January, 2009.
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- Mehra, B. (2008). Integrating Socially-Relevant Projects and Achieving Meaningful Community Outcomes in Required Library and Information Science Courses: From a Service Model to Community Engagement (juried paper presentation). *Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, 8-11 January, 2008.
- Mehra, B. (2008). Cross-Cultural Learning Process of LIS International Doctoral Students (panel presentation). Panel Title: International LIS Students: Cross-Cultural Experiences. *Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, 8-11 January, 2008.
- Mehra, B., & Lambert, C. A. (2008). Information Needs and an Effective Information Support System for African-American Graduate Students. (juried paper presentation). *30th Annual Research Symposium College of Communication and Information University of Tennessee*, Knoxville, TN, February 29, 2008.
- Mehra, B., & Sandusky, R. J. (2008). Applications of Community-Based Action Research in Elective Courses: Partnering Library and Information Science Students with Underserved Populations to Meet their Information Technology Needs (juried paper presentation). *Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, 8-11 January, 2008.
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- Mehra, B. (2005). International Vision and Action Plan, Roundtable Title: Social Justice and Internet Research. *6th conference of the Association of Internet Researchers: Internet Research 6.0, Internet Generations*, Chicago, IL, 5-9 October 2005.
- Mehra, B. (2005). Socio-Technical Development of Digital Libraries in the Cross-Cultural Learning Process: A Critical Perspective (juried panel presentation). Panel Session Title: Cross-Cultural Issues in User Learning and the Design of Digital Interfaces. *American Society for Information Science & Technology 2005 Annual Meeting: Sparking Synergies: Bringing Research and Practice Together @ ASIST '05*, Westin Charlotte, Charlotte, NC, October 28 - November 2, 2005.
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- Mehra, B. (2003). An Action Research (AR) Manifesto for Cyberculture Power to "Marginalized" Cultures of Difference (invited position paper). *Mini-symposium on Critical Cyberculture Studies: Current Terrains, Future Direction*, Seattle, WA, 9-11 May, 2003.
- Mehra, B. (2003). Internet as a Glocal Network: Fulfilling Diasporic Needs of International Teaching Assistants (ITAs) in the United States. *4th Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers*, Toronto, Canada, 6-9 October 2003.
- Mehra, B. (2003). Service Learning in Library and Information Science Education: Connecting Research and Practice to Community (juried paper). *ALISE 2003 Annual Conference: Declaration of Interdependence Connecting Researchers and Practitioners*, Philadelphia, PA, 21-24 January, 2003.
- Mehra, B. (2002). Complexities in Development of Educational Collaboratories as a Socio-Technical System: A Situated Study of the GK-12 EdGrid Graduate Teaching Fellowship Program (paper presentation). *The 6th World Multi-Conference on SYSTEMICS, CYBERNETICS AND INFORMATICS SCI 2002*, Orlando, Florida, 14-18 July, 2002.
- Mehra, B. (2002). Historical Development of Community Networks in the United States: Future Directions of Collaboration with Library and Information Science (LIS) (paper presentation). *Mini-Conference on Community Informatics/Community Networking Research*, Montreal, Canada, 8 October, 2002.
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- P. Bryan Heidorn). *ASIS&T 2001 SIG USE Research Symposium on Effective Methods for Studying Information Seeking and Use*, Washington, D.C., 3 November 3, 2001.
- Lee, C. A., Mehra, B., Shrivastava, S., & Ostrodka, C. (alphabetical list of authors). (2001). A Visual Odyssey Through Forests in Illinois: Use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for 'Mapping' ForestWatch Sites (poster presentation). *Environmental Horizons 2001 Conference*, University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign, 26-27 March, 2001.
- Mehra, B. (2001). Action-Oriented Outcomes for Empowerment of Sexual Minorities: A Situated Study of an Online Mailing List (paper presentation). *2nd Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers*, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 14-18 October, 2001.
- Mehra, B. (2001). Community Networks and the Digital Divide: Future Directions of Growth (invited paper presentation). *Digital Divide Doctoral Student Workshop*, Alliance for Community Technology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 1-5 August, 2001.
- Mehra, B. (2001). Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for Environmental Mapping of ForestWatch Sites (paper presentation). *GIS in Illinois 2001 Spring Conference*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 10-11 April, 2001.
- Mehra, B., & Bishop, A. P. (2001). Scenarios in the Afya Project as a Participatory Action Research (PAR) Tool for Studying Information Seeking and Use across the "Digital Divide" (paper presentation with Ann P. Bishop). *ASIS&T 2001 SIG USE Research Symposium on Effective Methods for Studying Information Seeking and Use*, Washington, D.C., 3 November, 2001.
- Mehra, B., & Bishop, A. P. (2000). Virtual Communities on the Internet: Social Interaction Across the Digital Divide (paper presentation). *1st Conference of the Association of Internet Researchers*, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, 14-17 September, 2000.
- Mehra, B. (1998). The Sacred Landscape of Hindu Temples: A Marker of Indian Diasporic Identity in the U.S. (paper presentation). *Conference on Identity and the Arts in Diaspora Communities*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Co-sponsored by the Ford Foundation), November 1998.
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- Mehra, B. (1997). Mandala and the Sacred Landscape of the Hindu City of Madurai: An Inspiration for Contemporary Design (paper presentation). *Making Sacred Places, The Sixth International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Built Form & Culture Research*, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, October 1997.
- Mehra, B. (1996). Mandala and the Sacred Landscape of the Hindu City of Banaras (paper presentation). *Our Community, Our Neighborhood, Annual Conference of Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture (CELA)*, Washington State University, Spokane, August 1996.
- Mehra, B. (1996). Interpretation of the Sacred and the Profane as a Private-Public Continuum: A Study of the Hindu City of Madurai (poster presentation). *Environmental Design Research Association (EDRA) 27*, Salt Lake City, UT, June 1996.

Peer Reviewed Moderated Sessions

- The Future Look of Our Professions (Juried Papers: 3.45-5.15pm, 17 January), *ALISE 2006 Annual Conference*, San Antonio, TX, 16-19 January, 2006.
- Don't Just Talk About It, Be About It: New and Veteran Librarians on Connecting LIS Pedagogy and Readiness to Social Justice and Societal Change (peer-reviewed moderator). Dialogue on the Curriculum of Readiness for the 21st Century Librarian, *American Library Association Annual Conference 2005*, Chicago, IL, June 28.
- LIS Curriculum: Global Perspectives (Juried Papers: 11.00-12.30pm, 12 January); and International Programs & Students (Juried Papers: 1.45-3.15pm, 13 January) (peer-reviewed moderator), *ALISE 2005 Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, 11-14 January, 2005.

Peer Reviewed Participation

- SIG USE Workshop Connecting Research and Practice: Special Populations. 1) A Community Informatics Approach to Develop Human-Information Connections for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA): A Case Study in Knoxville, Tennessee (with Kendra Albright). 2) Understanding the Information Seeking Behavior and Use of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (GLBTQ) Individuals (with Donna Braquet). (peer-reviewed participation). *American Society for Information Science & Technology 2005 Annual Meeting: Sparking Synergies: Bringing Research and Practice Together @ ASIST '05*, The Westin Charlotte, NC. October 29, 2005.

Internet Use Social Survey Datasets: Health Outcomes for Sexual/Ethnic Minorities, 2nd Annual Graduate WebShop, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, 3-14, 2002, and at the University of California at Berkeley 15-21 June, 2002.

Other Presentations

- Mehra, B. (2006). Aquí y Allá - Las conexiones entre San Juan y Knoxville: La creación de puentes interculturales para el aprendizaje e intercambio, desde el punto de vista de "Community Informatics" Aquí y Allá. (Here and There) [Connections between San Juan and Knoxville: Creating Cross-Cultural Corridors of Learning and Exchange, Insights from Community Informatics] (invited presentation), *Graduate School for Information Sciences and Technology, University of Puerto Rico*, San Juan, 15 March, 2006.
- Mehra, B., & Watson, J. (2006). Co-facilitators of the *Brown Bag Globalization-Information-Culture Symposium* on "How Does Globalization in the Age of Information Affect Traditions and Culture Around the World?"
- Mehra, B. (2005). Cross-Cultural Perspectives of International Constituents: "Two-Way" Learning to further Internationalization in American Universities. *International Angle: Brown Bag Series*. International House, 17 February, 2005.
- Mehra, B. (2005). Research Forum, School of Information Sciences, UTK. Spring 2005.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

- IS 520 (Information Representation and Organization): Fall 2009 (Synchronous Distance Education), Fall 2008 (Synchronous Distance Education); Fall 2007 (Synchronous Distance Education); Fall 2006 (Synchronous Distance Education); Spring 2006 (On-campus); Fall 2005 (On-campus).
- IS 554 (Public Library Management and Services): Spring 2009 (Combined); Spring 2008 (Combined); Spring 2006 (Combined).
- IS 558 (Library and Information Services in a Diverse Society): Fall 2005 (Combined).
- IS 560 (Development and Management of Collections): Fall 2007 (Synchronous Distance Education); Spring 2007 (Synchronous Distance Education).
- IS 574 (Resources and Services for Adults): Spring 2009 (Synchronous Distance Education); Spring 2008 (Synchronous Distance Education).
- IS 590 (Problems in Information Science: Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Information Professions): Spring 2007 (Synchronous Distance Education).
- IS 590 (Developing & Implementing Partnerships for Innovative Information Services): Fall 2008.
- IS 591 (Supervised Readings in Information Science): Fall 2008, Summer 2008.
- IS 592 (Seminar in Information Sciences: Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Information Professions): Spring 2005 (On-campus).
- IS 593 (Independent Project or Research): Summer 2007, Summer 2006, Spring 2005.
- IS 594 (Graduate Research Participation): Fall 2005.

COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

- LIS 590SJ (Social Justice in the Information Professions): Fall 2004 (On-campus).
- LIS 450RGS (Race, Gender, and Sexuality in the Information Professions): Summer 2003 (On-campus).
- LIS 250RGI (Race, Gender and Information Technology, Co-instructor with Susan E. Searing): Spring 2004 & Spring 2003 (On-campus).
- LIS 380FO1 (Information Organization and Access): Fall 2002 (On-campus).
- Unit One Extra Option Course (Cultural Landscape of India: Religion and Architecture): Spring 1998 (On-campus).
- RELST104 (Asian Mythology, Teaching Assistant): Fall 1999, Spring 1999, Fall 1998, Fall 1997, Spring 1997, & Fall 1996 (On-campus).
- RELST286 (Introduction to Hinduism, Teaching Assistant): Spring 1998 (On-campus).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Owner, LGBTAnet (<http://listserv.utk.edu/archives/igbtanet.html>): The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally Network at the University of Tennessee.
- Member, Association for Library and Information Science Education.
- Member, American Society for Information Science & Technology.
- Member, American Library Association.
- Member, Tennessee Library Association.
- Mehra, Association of Rural and Small Libraries.

Member, Diversity Research Grants Advisory Committee, Subcommittee of the ALA Council Committee on Diversity, American Library Association, 2007-2008.

Fellow, Center for Social Justice, University of Tennessee, Fall 2008-Current.

Board Member, DiscoverET.org, Summer 2006-Current.

Member, East Tennessee LGBTQ Youth Project, 2007-2008.

Member, Latino Task Force, 2006-2007.

Facilitator, Strategic Planning, Watauga Regional Library, Johnson City, Tennessee, Spring 2008.

Facilitator, Strategic Planning, Clinch-Powell Regional Public Library, Tennessee, Fall 2008.

Grant Reviewer, Academic Development Fund, New Research and Scholarly Initiative Award, The University of Western Ontario, London, Canada, Spring 2009.

Article Reviewer, *Electronic Journal of Communication*, Spring 2009.

Article Reviewer, *New Media & Society*, 2008.

Article Reviewer, M. J. Bates & M. N. Maack (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Library and Information Sciences*. New York: Taylor & Francis Group, Fall 2008.

Article Reviewer, *Journal of Education in Library and Information Science*, 2008, 2005.

Article Reviewer, 2006. *The Canadian Journal of Information and Library Science*, LGBTQ Special Issue.

Article Reviewer, 2006. *Social Forces*.

Reviewer of Juried Paper Abstracts, Conference of the Association of Library and Information Science Education 2006.

Book Reviewer, Technicolor: Race, Technology and Everyday Life. Edited by Alondra Nelson, Thuy Linh N Tu, and Alicia Headlam Hines. In: *Information, Communication & Society*, Volume 8, Number 1, 2005.

Book Reviewer, World Yearbook of Education 2004: Digital Technology, Communities and Education. Edited by Andrew Brown and Niki Davis, Volume 8, Number 3/4, 2005.

Article Reviewer, MIS Quarterly, Vol. 27, No. 4/December 2003.

Member, Planning Committee, Dialogue on the Curriculum of Readiness for the 21st Century Librarian (planning committee member), ALA Annual Conference 2005, Chicago, IL, June 28, Spring 2005.

Member, GLBTQ Task Force Against Domestic Violence, Knoxville, Tennessee, 2005-2007

Webmaster, Social Justice Group (URL: <http://www.prairienet.org/socialjustice-group>), 2001-2002; Small Business Information Exchange (URL: <http://www.prairienet.org/cced/directory>), spring 2000.